Highland glens and mountains in its centre are shut out from investigation. It is curious to know, that whilst the Marquis of Northampton is, as President of the Royal Society, at the head of science in England, and Prince Albert visits annually the British Association for the Advancement of Science, other noble lords are altogether insensible to the honour and gratification to be derived from favouring the cause of knowledge. We can only regret that birth should have bestowed upon the latter, riches which they have not minds to appreciate; or that fortune should have been so provoking as to render the ignorant and churlish, possessors of objects of interest to the enlightened and polite. We trust, however, that the educated and civilized of their own class will be struck with the injury done to their order by the titled enemies of science, and that they will in this manner be forced in very shame to concede the privilege its cultivators require of them.-From the Edinburgh Monthly Journal of Medical Science for October 1847.

## METEOROLOGICAL OBSERVATIONS FOR SEPT. 1847.

Chiswick.-September 1. Clear : cloudy : clear. 2. Cloudy : boisterous. 3. Cold rain : overcast. 4. Fine. 5. Clear : shower : clear. 6. Very fine. 7. Clear and cold : cloudy : rain at night. 8. Rain. 9. Very fine. 10. Overcast : very fine. 11, 12. Very fine. 13. Densely overcast : rain. 14. Very fine : slight shower : clear and cold at night. 15. Fine : boisterous, with rain at night. 16. Boisterous. 17. Rain. 18. Cloudy, with very clear intervals. 19. Cloudy : heavy rain at night. 20. Fine : slight showers. 21. Rain. 22. Cloudy : fine. 23. Cloudy and mild. 24. Foggy : very fine. 25, 26. Fine. 27. Frosty : clear : very fine : clear and frosty at night. 28. Slight fog : overcast. 29. Slight fog: very fine. 30. Dry haze: overcast.

Mean temperature of the month............................. $.53^{\circ} \cdot 40$
Mean temperature of Sept. 1846
$60 \cdot 79$
Mean temperature of Sept. for the last twenty years ......... $52 \cdot \mathbf{~} 77$
Average amount of rain in Sept. ................................... 2.73 inches.
Boston.-Sept. 1. Fine. 2. Windy. 3. Cloudy : rain p.m. 4. Fine. 5. Fine : rain p.M. 6, 7. Fine. 8. Cloudy. 9-11. Fine. 12. Windy. 13. Rain : rain A.m. and p.m. 14. Fine. 15. Fine: rain p.M. 16. Fine: stormy from 10 A.m. 17. Cloudy. 18-20. Fine. 21. Fine: rain p.M. 22. Cloudy : rain A.m. 23. Cloudy. 24-28. Fine. 29. Cloudy. 30. Fine.

Sandwick Manse, Orkney.-Sept. 1, 2. Showers. 3. Bright : showers: sleet. 4-6. Showers. 7, 8. Cloudy : showers. 9. Drizzle : showers. 10. Cloudy. 11. Cloudy : rain. 12. Showers. 13. Cloudy : clear. 14. Cloudy. 15, 16. Bright : rain. 17. Cloudy : showers. 18. Showers. 19. Clear: showers : sleet. 20. Showers : rain : cloudy. 21. Bright: fine. 22. Damp: rain. 23. Showers. 24. Showers : cloudy. 25. Rain : clear. 26. Bright: clear. 27, 28. Clear. 29. Clear : aurora. 30. Clear.

Applegarth Manse, Dumfries-shire.-Sept. 1. Sharp showers and high wind. 2. Clear and fine harvest day. S. Rain. 4. Fine clear sharp weather. 5. Fine harvest day. 6. Clear and bracing. 7. Rain, though not heavy. 8. Fair, but cloudy. 9. Close rain. 10. Fine : some drops p.m. 11. Fair A. m. : rain p.m. 12. Fair, but threatening. 13. Fine. 14. Bracing day: flying showers. 15. Fine a.m. : heavy rain f.m. 16. Rain and high wind. 17. Few drops of rain. 18. Fair, but dull. 19. Frequent showers. 20. A few drops. 21. Rain p.m. 22, 23. Showery. 24. Fair and fine. 25. Slight drizzle. 26. Very fine day. 27. Very fine day: frost A.m. 28, 29. Very fine days: no frost. 30. Fair, but cold. Mean temperature of the month
$50^{\circ} \cdot 9$
Mean temperature of Sept. 1846 ......................... $59{ }^{-6}$
Mean temperature of Sept. for 25 years ................ $55^{\circ} 2$
Mean rain in Sept. for 20 years
9.13 inches.

